

MEMORANDUM FOR: Tony Williams

Attached is a quick and dirty update on the Soviet handling of the President's regional initiative.

[redacted] has probably alerted you. We thought it might be of interest given this afternoon's meeting. The cable that the embassy in Moscow filed on the same communique was a bit more strident than this piece--we think they may have gone a bit overboard and over interpreted the communique's language. In any case, the Soviets did implicitly reject Reagan's proposals. This piece was done by [redacted] in my shop. If there are any questions, contact him or me on [redacted]

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PS: We are attaching the state cable(annotated) & a copy of the communique.

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SOVA Analysis of Soviet-Ethiopian Joint Communique

A joint Soviet-Ethiopian communique at the conclusion of Chairman Mengistu's week-long visit to the USSR reaffirmed their close bilateral relations and went on to claim that the US was responsible for regional tensions, implicitly dismissing the US regional initiative at the UN.

- The communique expressed both sides' satisfaction with "the steady development and deepening" of bilateral ties, and called for further improvement in economic and cultural relations. It also highlighted Soviet approval of the activities of the Worker's Party of Ethiopia.
- Moscow and Addis Ababa affirmed their "complete identity of views" on international issues, expressing support for Soviet positions on arms negotiations, Southern Africa, the declaration of a nuclear-free zone in Africa, and international conferences on the Middle East and the Indian Ocean.

The Soviets used the Mengistu visit communique for several purposes:

- They reaffirmed the close ties between Moscow and Addis Ababa, placing Mengistu's regime -- one of the five Soviet client states explicitly criticized by President Reagan in his UN address -- at the top of the list of Moscow's allies in Africa.
- They reiterated their opposition to the positions voiced in the US United Nations initiative.
- They put forward a long list of their own regional positions and initiatives, probably in order to reassert their own prerogatives on the Third World agenda and head off any momentum the US might gain from the UN proposals.

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1. (C) SUMMARY: ETHIOPIAN LEADER MENGISTU NOVEMBER 9 COMPLETED 10-DAY VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION, WHICH WAS LONG ON PROTOCOLARY TREATMENT FOR MENGISTU AND A STRONG COMMUNIQUE IMPLICITLY REJECTING PRESIDENT REAGAN'S REGIONAL INITIATIVE, BUT--JUDGING SO FAR FROM PRESS REPORTS--SHORT ON CONCRETE STEPS IN DEVELOPING RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. END SUMMARY.

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 PROTOCOL ASPECTS -- LAYING ON THE RED CARPET

2. (U) THE SOVIETS GAVE MENGISTU RED CARPET TREATMENT THROUGHOUT HIS VISIT. A PLETHORA OF SENIOR SOVIET OFFICIALS PARTICIPATED IN THE VARIOUS ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR MENGISTU. POLITBURO MEMBER AND CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS RYZHKOV, FOREIGN MINISTER SHEVARDNADZE, AND POLITBURO CANDIDATE MEMBER AND CENTRAL COMMITTEE SECRETARY PONOMAREV MET MENGISTU ON ARRIVAL OCTOBER 31 AND SAW HIM OFF AT HIS DEPARTURE NOVEMBER 9. IN ADDITION, MENGISTU MET WITH A VARIETY OF SENIOR SOVIET OFFICIALS, INCLUDING GORBACHEV, RYZHKOV, SHEVARDNADZE, GOSPLAN CHAIRMAN AND COUNCIL OF MINISTERS FIRST DEPUTY CHAIRMAN TALYZIN, AND MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE ARISTOV. MINISTER OF DEFENSE SOKOLOV WAS ALSO REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN INCLUDED IN A NUMBER OF PROTOCOLARY ACTIVITIES DURING THE VISIT, THUS SUGGESTING THAT ARMS SUPPLY QUESTIONS MAY ALSO HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED. MOREOVER, THE SOVIETS HONORED MENGISTU BY INVITING HIM TO SIT ON THE TRIBUNE WITH SOVIET POLITBURO MEMBERS DURING KGB CHAIRMAN CHEBRIKOV'S NOVEMBER 6 REVOLUTION DAY SPEECH AND TO REVIEW THE NOVEMBER 7 MILITARY PARADE WITH THE LEADERSHIP ATOP LENIN'S TOMB.

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3. (U) ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, ONLY ONE AGREEMENT--ON TRADE--WAS SIGNED DURING MENGISTU'S VISIT. THAT WAS A PROTOCOL ON BILATERAL TRADE FOR 1986. A TASS REPORT PUBLISHED IN THE CENTRAL PRESS NOVEMBER 7 STATED THAT THE SOVIETS WOULD SUPPLY MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT, OIL, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS, ROLLED FERROUS METALS, MEDICINES, AND CONSUMER GOODS, WHILE ETHIOPIA WOULD EXPORT A BROAD RANGE OF RAW MATERIALS AND PRODUCTS OF ETHIOPIA'S "DEVELOPING NATIONAL INDUSTRY" TO THE SOVIET UNION.

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THE COMMUNIQUE

4. (U) PRAVDA NOVEMBER 12 PUBLISHED JOINT SOVIET-ETHIOPIAN COMMUNIQUE WHICH IS NOTEWORTHY FOR THE RANGE OF ISSUES IT ENCOMPASSES, FOR THE IDENTITY OF VIEWS IT PROCLAIMS, AND FOR THE RECIPROCAL PRAISE GIVEN BY EACH SIDE TO THE EFFORTS AND POLICIES OF THE OTHER. INTER ALIA:

- THE SOVIETS PRAISED THE ETHIOPIAN WORKERS PARTY'S SUCCESS IN DEVELOPMENT AND DEFENSE OF ETHIOPIA AND ITS ACTIVE ANTI-IMPERIALIST COURSE IN INTERNATIONAL POLITICS;
- THE ETHIOPIANS PRAISED SOVIET DOMESTIC POLICIES, THE SOVIETS "DECISIVE ROLE" IN DEFENDING UNIVERSAL PEACE AND PREVENTING NUCLEAR WAR; EXPRESSED DEEP THANKFULNESS FOR SOVIET ASSISTANCE; AND EXPRESSED COMPLETE SUPPORT FOR SOVIET ARMS CONTROL PROPOSALS AND THE PRINCIPLED

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POSITION OF THE SOVIETS ON THE FORTHCOMING MEETING OF PRESIDENT REAGAN WITH GORBACHEV.

- THEY PATTED EACH OTHER ON THE BACK FOR: THE INEXORABLE DEVELOPMENT AND DEEPENING OF BILATERAL RELATIONS; THE FRUITFUL AND GROWING SIGNIFICANCE OF CLOSE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE CPSU AND THE ETHIOPIAN WORKERS' PARTY; AND THE POSITIVE RESULTS OF THE SIXTH MEETING OF THE INTER-GOVERNMENTAL COMMISSION ON ECONOMICS, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, AND TRADE.

5. (U) ON INTERNATIONAL ISSUES, THE TWO SIDES:

- CONDEMNED "IMPERIALIST" STATES' POLICIES SEEKING MILITARY SUPERIORITY, INCITING AN ARMS RACE, AND INTERFERING IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF OTHER COUNTRIES;
- CONDEMNED THE U.S. FOR DECLARING VARIOUS REGIONS OF THE WORLD "AREAS OF VITAL INTEREST" AND PUTTING MILITARY, POLITICAL, AND ECONOMIC PRESSURE ON THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES;
- CONFIRMED THEIR UNSWERVING SOLIDARITY WITH THE STRUGGLES OF INDEPENDENT GOVERNMENTS, "REAL" NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, AND PEACE-LOVING FORCES AGAINST IMPERIALIST POLICIES.

6. (U) ON AFRICA, THE SOVIETS AND ETHIOPIA:

- CONFIRMED THEIR STANDARD POLICIES ON THE HORN OF AFRICA;
- CRITICIZED THE US AND OTHER NATO COUNTRIES FOR SUPPORTING SOUTH AFRICA'S INCREASING REPRESSION OF THE AFRICAN MAJORITY;

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--EXPRESSED "COMPLETE SUPPORT" FOR THE ANC;
 --CONDEMNED THE "CONTINUING OCCUPATION" OF
 NAMIBIA, CALLED FOR NAMIBIAN INDEPENDENCE
 ON THE BASIS OF THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS,
 REJECTED ATTEMPTS TO LINK NAMIBIAN INDEPENDENCE
 TO OTHER ISSUES, AND EXPRESSED COMPLETE SUPPORT FOR
 SWAPO; AND
 --CALLED FOR INCREASED EFFORTS FOR A NUCLEAR-FREE
 AFRICA.

7. (U) THE COMMUNIQUE COVERED OTHER ISSUES AS
 WELL, INCLUDING:
 --CONDEMNING OF U.S. BASING POLICY, MILITARY
 PRESENCE, AND EXERCISES IN THE SOUTHWEST ASIA-PERSIAN
 GULF-INDIAN OCEAN REGION;
 --EXPRESSING "SERIOUS CONCERN" WITH THE MIDDLE
 EAST SITUATION CAUSED BY THE ISRAELIS WITH U.S.
 SUPPORT;
 --PROCLAIMING THEIR SOLIDARITY WITH THE AFGHAN
 PEOPLE;
 --EXPRESSING CONCERN ABOUT THE SITUATION IN
 SOUTHEAST ASIA;
 --PROCLAIMING THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE NICARAGUAN
 PEOPLE AND CONDEMNING U.S. POLICIES IN THE REGION.

8. (C) **COMMENT:** THE BREADTH AND PROCLAIMED IDENTITY
 OF VIEW OF THIS JOINT SOVIET-ETHIOPIAN COMMUNIQUE
 IS UNUSUAL. THE SOVIETS AND THE ETHIOPIANS
 DECIDED TO USE THE COMMUNIQUE AS A VEHICLE TO
 REJECT--FORCEFULLY--PRESIDENT REAGAN'S REGIONAL
 INITIATIVE. THE COMMUNIQUE UNDERLINES THE SHARED
 PROPOSITIONS THAT

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(A) THE UNITED STATES, NOT THE SOVIET UNION OR THE
 "LEGITIMATE" GOVERNMENTS OF THE FIVE COUNTRIES
 NAMED BY PRESIDENT REAGAN, IS RESPONSIBLE FOR
 REGIONAL TENSIONS; (B) NEITHER THE SOVIET UNION NOR
 THE GOVERNMENTS OF

ANY OF THE FIVE COUNTRIES ARE
 PREPARED TO RESOLVE REGIONAL ISSUES ON THE BASIS
 PROPOSED BY THE PRESIDENT; AND (C) THE STRUGGLE OF
 EACH OF THE FIVE--AND OF THE SOVIET UNION--IS
 MORE OR LESS AGAINST A COMMON THREAT ORCHESTRATED
 BY THE U.S.

9. THE RED CARPET PROTOCOLARY TREATMENT
 ACCORDED MENGISTU AND THE CONTENTS OF THE
 COMMUNIQUE IMPLY THAT THE TWO SIDES MANAGED TO RESOLVE
 OR DOWNPLAY DIFFERENCES ON BILATERAL RELATIONS.
 MENGISTU WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY BE MORE SATISFIED
 WITH THIS VISIT THAN HE WAS FOLLOWING A COOL

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*This may be a
 bit overstated
 - no direct reference
 to Reagan proposals
 in communique -
 "rejection" was
 implicit*

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**SOVIET RECEPTION LAST YEAR. IT REMAINS TO BE
SEEN, HOWEVER, WHETHER THIS WARM RHETORIC
WILL TRANSLATE INTO ADDITIONAL SOVIET ASSISTANCE
TO ETHIOPIA.**

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((UNATTRIBUTED "JOINT SOVIET-ETHIOPIAN COMMUNIQUE"))

((TEXT)) MENGISTU HAILE MARIAM, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE WORKERS PARTY OF ETHIOPIA (WPE), CHAIRMAN OF THE PROVISIONAL MILITARY ADMINISTRATION COUNCIL (PMAC), AND

COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF THE REVOLUTIONARY ARMED FORCES OF SOCIALIST ETHIOPIA, WAS IN THE SOVIET UNION 31 OCTOBER-9 NOVEMBER ON A

FRIENDLY WORKING VISIT AT THE INVITATION OF THE CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE, USSR SUPREME SOVIET PRESIDUM, AND SOVIET GOVERNMENT.THE ETHIOPIAN LEADER AND THE PERSONS ACCOMPANYING HIM WERE GIVEN A CORDIAL RECEPTION REFLECTING THE CLOSE FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN THE CPSU AND THE WPE AND THE GOVERNMENTS AND PEOPLES OF THE USSR AND SOCIALIST ETHIOPIA.

MENGISTU HAILE MARIAM LAID WREATHS AT THE V.I. LENIN MAUSOLEUM AND THE TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER NEAR THE KREMLIN WALL AND ATTENDED THE CELEBRATIONS IN MOSCOW IN CONNECTION WITH THE 68TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GREAT OCTOBER SOCIALIST REVOLUTION.

A MEETING AND FRUITFUL TALKS ON A WIDE RANGE OF ISSUESTOOK PLACE BETWEEN M.S. GORBACHEV, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE, AND MENGISTU HAILE MARIAM, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE WPE CENTRAL COMMITTEE, CHAIRMAN OF THE PMAC, AND COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF THE REVOLUTIONARY ARMED FORCES OF SOCIALIST ETHIOPIA.

TAKING PART IN THE TALKS WERE:

ON THE SOVIET SIDE -- A.A. GROMYKO, MEMBER OF THE CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE POLITBURO AND CHAIRMAN OF THE USSR SUPREME SOVIET PRESIDUM; N.I. RYZHKOV, MEMBER OF THE CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE POLITBURO AND CHAIRMAN OF THE USSR COUNCIL OF MINISTERS; E.A. SHEVARDNADZE, MEMBER OF THE CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE POLITBURO AND USSR FOREIGN MINISTER; B.N. PONOMAREV, CANDIDATE MEMBER OF THE CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE POLITBURO AND SECRETARY OF THE CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE; S.L. SOKOLOV, CANDIDATE MEMBER OF THE CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE POLITBURO AND USSR DEFENSE MINISTER; AND G.N. ANDREYEV, USSR AMBASSADOR TO SOCIALIST ETHIOPIA;

ON THE ETHIOPIAN SIDE -- ADIS TEDLA, MEMBER OF THE WPE CENTRAL COMMITTEE POLITBURO AND DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR CENTRALIZED PLANNING; ASHAGRE YIGLETU, SECRETARY OF THE WPE CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND CHIEF OF THE WPE CENTRAL COMMITTEE INTERNATIONAL SECTION; TEKEZE-SHOA AYTENFISO, MEMBER OF THE WPE CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND MINISTER OF MINES AND ENERGY; GOSHU WOLDE, MEMBER OF THE WPE CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND FOREIGN MINISTER; WOLLIE CHEKOL, MEMBER OF THE WPE CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND MINISTER OF

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FOREIGN TRADE; AND NESIBU TAYE, ETHIOPIAN AMBASSADOR TO THE USSR. MENGISTU HAILE MARIAM ALSO AHD MEETINGS WITH N.I. RYZHKOV, MEMBER OF THE CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE POLITBURO AND CHAIRMAN OF THE USSR COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, AND E.A. SHEVARDNADZE, MEMBER OF THE CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE POLITBURO AND USSR FOREIGN MINISTER.

IN THE COURSE OF THE MEETINGS AND TALKS, WHICH TOOK PLACE IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF FRIENDSHIP, MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING, AND COMPLETE UNITY OF VIEWS, M.S. GORBACHEV SPOKE OF THE SOVIET PEOPLE'S CREATIVE LABOR IN THE COURSE OF THE CPSU'S PREPARATIONS FOR THE 27TH CONGRESS. MENGISTU HAILE MARIAM GAVE A BRIEFING ON THE WORK BEING DONE IN ETHIOPIA TO IMPLEMENT THE DECISIONS OF THE FIRST WPE CONGRESS. QUESTIONS OF BILATERAL SOVIET-ETHIOPIAN RELATIONS WERE EXAMINED AND THERE WAS AN EXCHANGE OF OPINIONS ON THE PRESENT-DAY SITUATION IN THE WORLD. THE SOVIET SIDE GAVE A HIGH ASSESSMENT OF THE SUCCESSES ACHIEVED BY THE ETHIOPIAN PEOPLE UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF THEIR VANGUARD -- THE WPE -- IN ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, AND CULTURAL BUILDING AND IN THE DEFENSE OF NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE AND REVOLUTIONARY GAINS, ETHIOPIA'S ACTIVE ANTI-IMPERIALIST COURSE IN THE INTERNATIONAL ARENA WAS NOTED.

THE ETHIOPIAN SIDE WELCOMED THE COURSE ELABORATED BY THE CPSU OF ACCELERATING THE PACE OF THE USSR'S SOCIOECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. THE SOVIET UNION'S DECISIVE ROLE IN THE CAUSE OF UPHOLDING UNIVERSAL PEACE AND OPPOSING THE AGGRESSIVE INTRIGUES OF IMPERIALISM, WHICH THREATENS MANKIND WITH NUCLEAR WAR, WAS STRESSED.

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((TEXT)) THE ETHIOPIAN SIDE EXPRESSED PROFOUND GRATITUDE TO THE CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE, THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT, AND THE PEOPLE OF THE USSR FOR THE EFFECTIVE AID AND ASSISTANCE IN RESOLVING THE TASKS FACING THE ETHIOPIAN REVOLUTION, IN PARTICULAR AS REGARDS OVERCOMING THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE DROUGHT.

THE TWO COUNTRIES' LEADERS NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THE STEADY DEVELOPMENT AND DEEPENING OF SOVIET-ETHIOPIAN RELATIONS, WHICH REST ON THE FIRM FOUNDATIONS OF THE TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION SIGNED BY THE SIDES IN 1978.

THE TWO SIDES NOTE THE FRUITFULNESS AND GROWING SIGNIFICANCE OF THE CLOSE TIES BETWEEN THE CPSU AND THE WPE AND DISPLAY THE JOINT DESIRE TO DEVELOP AND STRENGTHEN THESE TIES, REGARDING THEM AS A VERY IMPORTANT COMPONENT OF BILATERAL REALTIONS BETWEEN THE SOVIET UNION AND SOCIALIST ETHIOPIA.

MENTION WAS MADE OF THE POSITIVE RESULTS OF THE WORK OF THE ROUTINE SIXTH SESSION OF THE SOVIET-ETHIOPIAN INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMISSION ON QUESTIONS OF ECONOMIC, SCIENTIFIC, AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION AND TRADE AND OF THE TWO SIDES' DESIRE TO FURTHER DEEPEN THEIR ECONOMIC TIES ON THE BASIS OF THE LONG-TERM PROGRAM FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION. THE SIDES REAFFIRMED THEIR READINESS TO CONTINUE TO DEVELOP AND STRENGTHEN BILATERAL TIES IN THE SPHERES OF EDUCATION, CULTURE, HEALTH CARE, AND SPORT AND THROUGH PUBLIC ORGANIZATIONS.

THE SIDES EXCHANGED OPINIONS ON A WIDE RANGE OF INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS OF MUTUAL INTEREST AND REAFFIRMED THE COMPLETE IDENTITY OF THE TWO COUNTRIES' POSITIONS ON THE MAIN QUESTIONS OF THE PRESENT DAY. THE MUTUAL DESIRE WAS EXPRESSED FOR REGULAR CONSULTATIONS, ON INTERNATIONAL QUESTIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES WITH A VIEW TO PROMOTING THE RESOLUTION OF THE MAIN TASK OF TODAY -- THAT OF AVERTING THE THREAT OF NUCLEAR WAR AND RADICALLY IMPROVING THE POLITICAL CLIMATE IN THE WORLD.

THE SOVIET UNION AND SOCIALIST ETHIOPIA RESOLUTELY CONDEMNED THE COURSE PURSUED BY THE IMPERIALIST STATES OF ACHIEVING MILITARY SUPERIORITY BY WHIPPING UP THE ARMS RACE AND EXTENDING IT TO OUTER SPACE AND THE POLICY OF DIKTAT AND OPEN INTERFERENCE IN SOVEREIGN STATES' INTERNAL AFFAIRS, CONTRARY TO THE FUNDAMENTAL NORMS OF INTERNATIONAL LAW AND THE PRINCIPLES ENSHRINED IN THE UN CHARTER. EMPHASIS WAS PLACED ON THE GREAT SIGNIFICANCE OF STRENGTHENING COLLABORATION AMONG ALL PROGRESSIVE AND PEACE-LOVING FORCES IN THE STRUGGLE TO STRENGTHEN INTERNATIONAL SECURITY, ELIMINATE THE THREAT OF NUCLEAR WAR, CREATE A CLIMATE OF MUTUAL TRUST AND CONSTRUCTIVE COOPERATION AMONG STATES, AND ENSURE THE PEOPLES' RIGHTS TO INDEPENDENCE AND SOCIAL PROGRESS.

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THE SIDES DENOUNCED THE POLICY OF IMPERIALIST CIRCLES, ABOVE ALL THE UNITED STATES, WHICH ARBITRARILY CALL VARIOUS REGIONS OF THE WORLD SPHERE SOF THEIR "VITAL INTERESTS" AND BRING POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC PRESSURE TO BEAR ON INDEPENDENT AFRICAN, ASIAN, AND LATIN AMERICAN STATES.

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SOCIALIST ETHIOPIA WHOLLY SUPPORTS THE SOVIET UNION'S CONSTRUCTIVE PEACE INITIATIVES AIMED AT CURBING THE ARMS RACE AND ELIMINATING THE THREAT OF WAR. THE ETHIOPIAN SIDE FULLY SUPPORTS THE NEW INITIATIVES PUT FORWARD BY M.S. GORBACHEV DURING HIS VISIT TO FRANCE AS A CONSTRUCTIVE STEP PRESENTING THE POSSIBILITY OF A TURN IN THE DIRECTION OF RADICALLY IMPROVING INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND STRENGTHENING THE SECURITY OF ALL PEOPLES AND COUNTRIES. ETHIOPIA APPROVES THE USSR'S PRINCIPLED POSITION AT THE SOVIET-AMERICAN TALKS IN GENEVA AND WELCOMES KTHE PROPOSALS SUBMITTED BY THE USSR FOR EXAMINATION BY THE 40TH UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION ON INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN THE PEACEFUL EXPLORATION OF OUTER SPACE IN CONDITIONS OF ITS NONMILITARIZATION.

SOCIALIST ETHIOPIA DECLARED ITS SUPPORT FOR THE APPEAL MADE IN SOFIA BY THE WARSAW PACT STATES, URGING THE GOVERNMENTS AND PEOPLES OF ALL THE COUNTRIES OF EUROPE AND OTHER COUNTRIES TO POOL THEIR EFFORTS IN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST THE THREAT OF TOTAL ANNIHILATION THAT CONFRONTS MANKIND AND TO RESOLVE ALL UNSETTLED INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS BY POLITICAL MEANS, THROUGH TALKS AND PRODUCTIVE DIALOGUE, ON THE BASIS OF CONSIDERATION OF THE SIDES' LEGITIMATE INTERESTS.

THE SOVIET UNION AND SOCIALIST ETHIOPIA CONFIRMED THEIR INVARIABLE SOLIDARITY WITH THE STRUGGLE OF THE INDEPENDENT STATES, THE GENUINE NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS AND PEACE-LOVING FORCES AGAINST THE POLICY OF IMPERIALIST DIKTAT, FOR FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE, AND FOR THE PEOPLES' INALIENABLE RIGHT TO INDEPENDENTLY CHOOSE THEIR OWN PATH OF DEVELOPMENT.

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((TEXT)) THE SIDES PLACED ON RECORD THE INCREASE IN THE
NONALIGNED MOVEMENT'S ROLE IN THE STRUGGLE FOR PEACE, THE
PREVENTION OF NUCLEAR WAR, AND THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE
INTERNATIONAL CLIMATE. SUPPORT WAS EXPRESSED FOR THE DECISIONS
OF THE LUANDA CONFERENCE OF NONALIGNED COUNTRIES' FOREIGN MINISTERS,
AND IT WAS HOPED THAT THE FORTHCOMING 8TH CONFERENCE OF
NONALIGNED COUNTRIES' STATE AND GOVERNMENT HEADS IN HARARE
(ZIMBABWE) WOULD BE A SUCCESS.

GREAT ATTENTION WAS DEVOTED TO THE DISCUSSION OF THE
SITUATION IN AFRICA. THE SIDES NOTED THAT IMPERIALISM IS STILL
THE CHIEF OBSTACLE IN THE WAY OF THE AFRICAN PEOPLES' FINAL
LIBERATION. EMPHASIS WAS PLACED ON THE GROWING NEED TO ACTIVELY
COUNTER THE INTRIGUES BY IMPERIALIST AND REACTIONARY FORCES
AIMED AT WEAKENING AND UNDERMINING AFRICAN UNITY, KINDLING DISCORD
AMONG THE CONTINENT'S STATES, AND GENERATING AN ATMOSPHERE OF
DISTRUST BETWEEN THEM.

HAVING EXAMINED THE SITUATION IN THE HORN OF AFRICA, THE
SOVIET UNION AND SOCIALIST ETHIOPIA CONFIRMED THEIR WELL-KNOWN
POSITION IN FAVOR OF CREATING AN ATMOSPHERE OF MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING
AND GOOD-NEIGHBORLINESS IN THE REGION ON THE BASIS OF RESPECT
BY ALL STATES IN THE REGION FOR SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL
INTEGRITY AND THE PRINCIPLES OF INVIOABILITY OF FRONTIERS,
NONINTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS, AND RENUNCIATION OF
TERRITORIAL CLAIMS. THE SOVIET UNION EXPRESSED A HIGH OPINION
OF SOCIALIST ETHIOPIA'S PERSISTENT EFFORTS AIMED AT DETENTE IN
THIS REGION OF TENSION AND AT THE ESTABLISHMENTS AND MAINTENANCE
OF RELATIONS OF GOOD-NEIGHBORLINESS AND COOPERATION WITH THE
COUNTRIES OF THE REGION.

DURING THE DISCUSSION THE SIDES DEVOTED A GREAT DEAL OF ATTENTION
TO THE SITUATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, WHICH IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY
DANGEROUS. WITH THE PATRONAGE OF THE UNITED STATES AND OTHER
NATO COUNTRIES THE PRETORIA REGIME IS STEPPING UP REPRESSION
AGAINST THE AFRICAN MAJORITY AND IS STUBBORNLY CONTINUING
TO EXPAND ITS AGGRESSION IN THE REGION. BOTH SIDES DECLARED THEIR
SOLIDARITY WITH THE OPPRESSED PEOPLE OF SOUTH AFRICA, STRUGGLING
TO ELIMINATE THE INHUMAN APARTHEID SYSTEM, AND EXPRESSED FULL
SUPPORT FOR THE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS IN ITS STRUGGLE TO
CREATE A UNITED, FREE, AND DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY IN THE COUNTRY.
TOGETHER WITH ALL PEACE-LOVING PEOPLES OF THE WORLD, THEY ARE
DEMANDING AN END TO THE RACIST REGIME'S BARBAROUS ACTS OF REPRESSION
AND ITS POLICY OF STATE TERRORISM AND ENDLESS ACTS OF AGGRESSION
AGAINST ANGOLA, MOZAMBIQUE, AND OTHER "FRONTLINE" STATES.
THE SOVIET UNION AND SOCIALIST ETHIOPIA CONDEMNED THE CONTINUING

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UNLAWFUL OCCUPATION OF NAMIBIA.
BOTH SIDES ADVOCATE THE IMMEDIATE GRANTING OF GENUINE INDEPENDENCE
TO THE NAMIBIAN PEOPLE AND REJECT ATTEMPTS, IN DEFIANCE OF THE
UN SECURITY COUNCIL DECISIONS, TO LINK THE PROBLEM OF NAMIBIAN
INDEPENDENCE TO IRRELEVANT QUESTIONS. THE SIDES CONFIRMED THEIR
FULL SUPPORT FOR THE SOUTH WEST AFRICA PEOPLE'S ORGANIZATION
AS THE SOLE LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE OF OF THE NAMIBIAN PEOPLE.
THE SOVIET UNION AND SOCIALIST ETHIOPIA CALL FOR THE TOTAL
INTERNATIONAL ISOLATION OF THE CRIMINAL APARTHEID REGIME AND
FOR THE APPLICATION OF COMPULSORY AND ALL-EMBRACING SANCTIONS
AGAINST IT.

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((TEXT)) THE SOVIET UNION AND SOCIALIST ETHIOPIA ASSESS
HIGHLY THE ROLE OF THE OAU IN THE AFRICAN PEOPLES' STRUGGLE
AGAINST IMPERIALISM, COLONIALISM, AND RACISM AND FOR THE
CONSOLIDATION OF THEIR COUNTRIES' POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC
INDEPENDENCE.

THE SIDES STATED THEIR FULL SUPPORT FOR THE AFRICAN STATES'
EFFORTS TO SAFEGUARD THEIR AUTONOMOUS AND INDEPENDENT DEVELOPMENT
WITHOUT OUTSIDE DIKTAT OR INTERFERENCE AND TO TURN AFRICA INTO A
CONTINENT OF PEACE FREE FROM NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND FOREIGN MILITARY
BASES. IN THIS CONNECTION THE SIDES EXPRESSED THEMSELVES IN FAVOR
OF ACTIVATING THE AFRICAN COUNTRIES' EFFORTS TO TURN AFRICA INTO
A NUCLEAR-FREE ZONE.

THE SOVIET UNION AND SOCIALIST ETHIOPIA DENOUNCED THE EFFORTS
WHICH THE UNITED STATES AND ITS ALLIES ARE MAKING TO BUILD
UP THEIR MILITARY PRESENCE AND EXPAND THE NETWORK OF THEIR MILITARY
BASES IN THE INDIAN OCEAN BASIN WITH A VIEW TO STEPPING UP
INTERFERENCE IN THE AFFAIRS OF THE LITTORAL STATES AND PREPARING
NEW BRIDGEHEADS OF AGGRESSION. EMPHASIS WAS PLACED ON THE DANGER
PRESENTED TO THE PEACE, SECURITY, AND STABILITY OF THE COUNTRIES
OF THE REGION BY THE PROVOCATIVE MILITARY MANEUVERS WHICH THE
UNITED STATES IS CARRYING OUT IN THE RED SEA AND PERSIAN GULF
REGIONS. THE SIDES REAFFIRMED THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE NONALIGNED
STATES' PROPOSAL TO TURN THE INDIAN OCEAN INTO A ZONE OF PEACE
AND TO CONVENE AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE MATTER IN THE
FIRST HALF OF 1986.

THE SIDES VOICED SERIOUS CONCERN AT THE CONSERVATION OF
TENSION IN THE NEAR EAST AS A RESULT OF THE AGGRESSIVE POLICY
PURSUED BY ISRAEL WITH THE UNITED STATES' DIRECT SUPPORT. IT
WAS EMPHASIZED THAT JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN THIS REGION CAN ONLY
BE ACHIEVED ON THE BASIS OF THE WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAELI TROOPS FROM
ALL ARAB TERRITORIES OCCUPIED SINCE 1967, THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
THE INALIENABLE NATIONAL RIGHTS OF THE ARAB PEOPLE OF PALESTINE,
INCLUDING THEIR RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND THE CREATION OF
THEIR OWN INDEPENDENT STATE, AND ALSO THE ENSURING OF THE RIGHT OF
ALL STATES OF THIS REGION TO INDEPENDENT EXISTENCE AND DEVELOPMENT.
THE ATTAINMENT OF SUCH A SETTLEMENT IS POSSIBLE BY COLLECTIVE
EFFORTS WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF ALL INTERESTED SIDES, INCLUDING
THE PLO, WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON
THE NEAR EAST.

HAVING STATED THEIR SOLIDARITY WITH THE DRA'S STRUGGLE AGAINST
FOREIGN AGGRESSION, THE SIDES EXPRESSED THE CONVICTION THAT THE
HALTING OF INTERFERENCE IN AFGHANISTAN'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS IS ONE
OF THE MOST IMPORTANT PREREQUISITES FOR THE CONSOLIDATION OF

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PEACE AND STABILITY IN ASIA.

THE SIDES EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER THE TENSION IN SOUTHEAST ASIA AND EXPRESSED THEMSELVES IN SUPPORT OF THE WELL-KNOWN CONSTRUCTIVE PROPOSALS OF VIETNAM, LAOS, AND CAMBODIA ON A SETTLEMENT OF THE REGION'S PROBLEMS WHICH WOULD HELP TO TURN IT INTO A ZONE OF PEACE, GOOD-NEIGHBORLINESS, AND COOPERATION.

THE SOVIET UNION AND SOCIALIST ETHIOPIA EXPRESSED THEIR SOLIDARITY WITH THE NICARAGUAN PEOPLE WHO ARE HEROICALLY DEFENDING THEIR RIGHT TO FREE AND INDEPENDENT DEVELOPMENT. BOTH SIDES RESOLUTELY DENOUNCED THE AGGRESSIVE U.S. POLICY IN CENTRAL AMERICA.

THE SIDES CONFIRMED THEIR LOYALTY TO THE AIMS AND PRINCIPLES OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND NOTED THE EXCEPTIONAL IMPORTANCE OF THE CONSERVATION AND CONSOLIDATION OF THAT ORGANIZATION AS AN IMPORTANT INSTRUMENT OF PEACE. THEY EXPRESSED THE CERTAINTY THAT THE 40TH UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION AND THE HOLDING OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE YEAR WILL HELP TO ENHANCE THE UNITED NATIONS' PRESTIGE AND ROLE AND WILL SERVE AS AN ADDITIONAL INCENTIVE IN MOBILIZING THE EFFORTS OF THE PEOPLES AND GOVERNMENTS OF THE UN STATES AIMED AT ELIMINATING THE THREAT OF NUCLEAR WAR, HALTING THE ARMS RACE, AND STRENGTHENING INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY.

THE SOVIET AND ETHIOPIAN SIDES EXPRESSED PROFOUND SATISFACTION AT THE RESULTS OF THE EXCHANGE OF OPINIONS WHICH HAD TAKEN PLACE AND EXPRESSED THEMSELVES IN FAVOR OF CONTINUING AND EXPANDING THE PRACTICE OF REGULAR CONSULTATIONS, INCLUDING AT SUMMIT LEVEL. THEY ARE CONVINCED THAT THIS VISIT WILL BE AN IMPORTANT NEW MILESTONE ON THE PATH OF THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT AND CONSOLIDATION OF THE RELATIONS OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION BETWEEN THE CPSU AND THE WPE AND THE USSR AND SOCIALIST ETHIOPIA.

AT THE END OF THE VISIT COMRADE MENGISTU HAILE MARIAM, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE WPE CENTRAL COMMITTEE, CHAIRMAN OF THE PMAC, AND COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF THE REVOLUTIONARY ARMED FORCES OF SOCIALIST ETHIOPIA, EXPRESSED THANKS TO THE CPSU AND THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF THE SOVIET UNION FOR THE WARM, FRIENDLY HOSPITALITY OFFERED TO HIM AND THOSE ACCOMPANYING HIM DURING THEIR STAY IN THE USSR. COMRADE MENGISTU CONVEYED AN INVITATION TO COMRADE M.S. GORBACHEV TO VISIT SOCIALIST ETHIOPIA. THE INVITATION WAS ACCEPTED WITH THANKS.

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